(c) whether the Railways have undertaken a study in the matter, if so, the findings of the report submitted to the Ministry; and

(d) whether Railways intend to introduce classless travel on an experimental basis

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There are already some trains running with only second class accommodation.

Population of the country

249. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated population of India at present;

(b) what is the growth rate of India's population; and

(c) what is Government's main emphasis at present, for controlling the population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per medium estimates of the Expert Committee on Population Projection, India's projected population as on 1st March, 1988 is 792 million.

(b) Natural growth rate of population is obtained as a difference between birth rate and death rate. Based on the latest estimates of Birth and Death rates for 1986 available from Sample Registration System, the natural growth rate is 2.13 per cent.

(c) Main emphasis at present are; ensure optimal use of infrastructure created; involvement of voluntary organisations; improving quality of services to the maximum extent possible; enhancing the child survival; strengthening information, education and effective communication; promotion of temporary contraceptive methods.

Linking of remote areas of Orissa by rail

250. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's perspective planning about linking of remote areas of Orissa with railheads; and

(b) whether arrangements are adequate for transportation of Orissa's natural wealth including minerals within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Construction of following New rail lines in Orissa is in progress:—

(i) Koraput-Rayagada new line.

(ii) Talcher-Sambalpur new line.

Construction of Daitari-Banspani rail line is now being examined by the concerned Ministries as a part of the project for the export of Iron Ore to Korea via Paradeep Port.

Survey has also been completed for Khurda Road-Balangir rail line and the project assessed to be financially unremunerative. The financial appraisal of the project is being re-examined in the light of the suggestions received recently.

The ongoing rail line projects will augment the transportation capacity in Orissa State and will provide rail link to areas not yet connected by rail.